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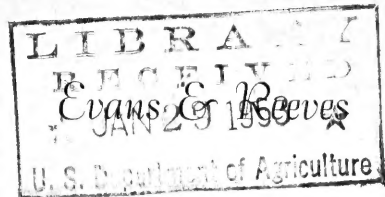
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There is a story told of a Scottish miner who went into a draper's shop in the old country to buy a neckerchief: the attendant showed him some which were all green or blue. The customer exclaimed, "Na na, I want none o' your gaedy colors, just gie me plain reid and yaller."

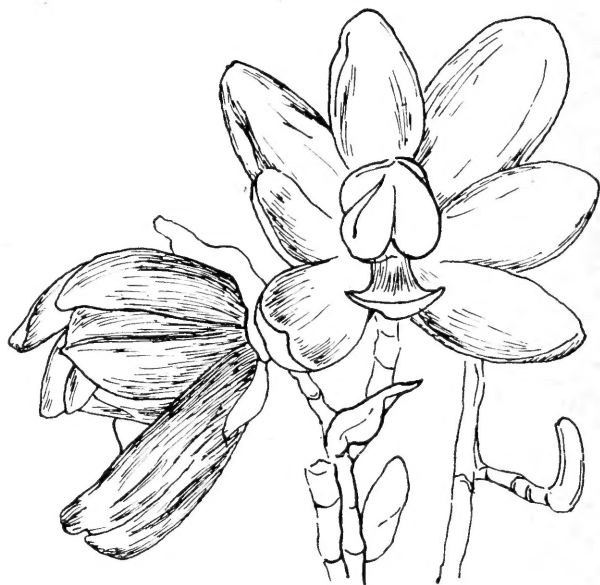
There is blooming on our grounds now a really beautiful tree or shrub, though the flowers are not gaudy or plain red or yellow, but white suffused with blush. It is between 15 and 20 feet high and loaded from top to bottom with large trusses of white flowers, which against the translucent blue vault of the sky makes one of those pictures not easily forgotten. This fine plant has good evergreen foliage, no bad habits, often blooms twice a year, is a reasonably fast grower, increasing each year in stature and beauty, and has been known to us as "Dombeya calantha," a native of South Africa. There is a question as to the validity of the specific name, so we are waiting for a certain distinguished botanist of infinite resourcefulness to rechristen this charming immigrant. Let us hope the name will be as melodious as the subject is beautiful.

Trees or shrubs which are prodigal with their flowers at this time of year are few and far between, and for that reason to be all the more admired and desired. I think that no one who has seen this charming shrub in all its beauty has failed to fall in love with it, indeed to gaze up at it was in itself an inspiration.

It is passing strange that this plant is not more often encountered. I imagine it may be hard to come by, though this should not be the case as

"From fairest creatures we
desire increase

That thereby beauty's rose
might never die."



The Bare Bear Fair

Deciduous Oriental Magnolias have long been placed among the aristocrats of any garden, the world around. There's a strong, clean beauty in the smooth gray leafless boughs along which in late winter the great furry buds open suddenly into saucer-like flowers of wine and cream-colored satin. Among the most unusual of plants, they are considered by many botanists to be the most primitive of all flowering plants.

This year we are offering a very rare variety of the Chinese MAGNOLIA, DAWSONIANA, a species that is found only in one small section in Sikang in western China. This plant in time grows into a small tree, well branched from the ground up and in the early spring, while bare of leaves, every branch is clothed with giant bowl-shaped flowers seven inches and more across, of light pink suffused with purple, spreading from the base of the flower. The leaves upon appearance are

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IT'S TIME FOR

Oriental Magnolias (ten named varieties—see front page), **budded Loquats** (two varieties), **bareroot Roses**, **Acacias** (numerous species), **late spring and summer bulbs**, **flat stock fill-ins**, **winter blooming succulents**, and **certain broad-leaved evergreen shrubs** soon to add color to the winter garden.

Our **BARE-ROOT ROSES** (\$1.25 to \$3) are as always the best quality, and we have tried more than ever to stock most heavily those named varieties which do best in the areas from Beverly Hills to the sea—those varieties most free from mildew and which bloom best with not too high summer temperatures. We call your attention particularly to the new Chrysler Imperial, a fragrant red which seems to perform, like Peace, most anywhere. The polyantha is a dwarf bush rose with small flowers in clusters—China Doll (pink) 18 inches or Pinkie (light pink) 15 to 20 inches. Polyanthas may be low (Pinocchio, salmon, 24 to 30 inches) or quite tall (Floradora, orange-red, four feet) because they were originally crosses between polyanthas and hybrid teas. Outstanding floribundas which are always scarce include the incomparable Pink Rosette \$1.75, Rose Elf \$1.25, Ma Perkins \$2.25, and Baby Chateau \$1.25, all pink; and Easter Parade, multicolor, \$2.

Any **LOQUAT** is ornamental and its leaves are prized in flower arrangement, but the fruit of seedlings is mediocre. Our budded varieties produce quantities of delicious pear-shaped yellow fruits that are a real addition to the diet, fresh or jellied. "Advance" ripens a little earlier than "Champagne." (\$8.)

ACACIAS are blooming early this year and we can give you *A. Baileyana* and *A. saligna* in \$12.50 to \$17.50 sizes as well as the customary one gallon and five gallon cans (\$1 and \$4 respectively). *A. saligna* is a wide-leaved species with handsome bark and extra-large flowers late in the season. By careful choosing one may have Acacias in bloom from early December into April or later. And *A. saligna* and *A. pycnantha* make handsome quick small trees for small gardens that are not too wet. There are still other Acacias that grow as shrubs; *A. vestita* is one of the smallest and most choice. (Mostly \$4.)

Timely bulbs include **GLADIOLUS**, separate colors, \$1 per dozen; giant **AMARYLLIS** (*Hippeastrum*), \$1 apiece, \$11 a dozen; **SPREKELIA FORMOSISIMA** (Ja-

cobean lily), blood red, summer-blooming, low-growing, 75 cents apiece, \$7.50 a dozen; and all the true **LILIES**—*L. Henryi*, *L. tigrinum*, *L. rubrum*, *L. regale*, and the incomparable *L. auratum* (Gold Band lily), all 40 cents apiece, \$4 per dozen.

In addition to the Snaps, Stocks, Iceland Poppies and Pansies already established in your garden, some of them gaily blooming we hope, add now for fill in and diversity **NEMESIA**, **SCABIOSA**, **CORNFLOWERS**, **LARKSPUR**, **AGATHEA**, and **ENGLISH DAISY**. And don't forget good old sweet **ALYSSUM**—set it in large bunches, blooming out of a flat; you can thin it out later when slower things spread out. Or give your soon-to-bloom bulbs a foreplanting of white swatches.

Don't overlook the winter-blooming succulents—red-hot pokers of **ALOE ARBOR-ESCENS**, \$4; exotic rosettes of **ECHEVERIA ROSEA-GRANDIS**, \$6.85; and *E. SAN FERNANDO*, \$7.50; a ground cover or hanging basket of butter-yellow **OTHONNA CRASSIFOLIA** (\$1.25 a dozen from flats), and endless others. No place will you find a more alluring array of cacti and exotic succulents.

The Geraldton Wax Flower, **CHAMAELAUCIUM UNCINATUM**, is now in full glory with myriads of waxy pink and white flowers in appearance. A sturdy, fine-leaved shrub of extended blooming period, it produces delicate flowers of longest lasting qualities. \$4.

A very few of the lesser known broad-leaved shrubs appropriately planted at this season are **RONDELETIA CORDATA** and *R. AMOENA*, both tall salmon-flowered subjects with opposite leaves, the former smooth green and the latter wrinkled and ribbed with bronze, both for half a day's sun in not too frosty areas; **RAPHIOLEPIS INDICA RUBRA**, the new almost red Indian hawthorne, rare grafted plants, \$3 in one gallon cans; **MAKAYA BELLA**, a black-green shrub for espalier or background in real shade, handsome Wistaria-colored flowers in spring, \$1.25 and \$4; **CORDYLINE AUSTRALIS ATROPURPUREA**, the bronze-leaved *Dracaena*, most arresting and very cold hardy, \$1.25 and \$4; the ever-adaptable **MELIANTHUS MAJOR** which brings big tropical leaves into the sun, and maroon flowers in February, \$4; and the showy **SENECIO PETASITIS** with its large wooly leaves and great red-stemmed heads of bright gold blossoms, \$1.25. P.E.C.

Rhyme in Season

It's hard to make up rhymes on Roses
And not step on dead poets' toeses—
Near all the bards have in their lifetimes
Besung the Rose not once, but five times.

The reason's simple, for in beauty
This queen of queens fulfills her duty:
She's photogenic, draws attention
In one or two or three dimension.

Although we're apt to sing the praise
Of varieties we hope you'll raise
Don't feel our praises are not valid
Simply because we want to "sell it."

The bare-root Rose you plant today
Will give you lots of joy in May—
And ever after, for your pleasure,
You may enjoy this beauteous treasure.
G.F.H.

Oriental Magnolias

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undulating and of dark green. Planted in a situation where it will get either full sun or light shade, it will grow slowly into one of the show pieces of your garden. (\$20 and \$25.)

In addition to this remarkable rarity we offer nine other Oriental Magnolias in what constitutes a true connoisseur's collection: *M. STELLATA*, the star Magnolia, bushy growth, flowers white to shell, \$5; *M. SOULANGEANA*, the well-known Tulip Magnolia, \$6 and \$12.50; *M. LILIFLORA*, shrubby type with flowers deep purple outside, \$6 and \$17.50; *M. SOULANGEANA AMABILIS* (synonymous with *M. alba superba*), dusty rose-purple becoming nearly white, \$6.50 and \$8.50; *M. RUSTICA RUBRA*, large rounded flowers ruddy purple to tips, especially vigorous, \$8.50 and \$12.50; *M. LOMBARDY ROSE*, an intermediate grower, nearly pink, \$7.50; *M. VEITCHI*, cross between *M. denudata* and *M. Campbelli*, flowers very large, pink; *M. CAMPBELLI*, tall upright growth, incomparable flowers eight to fourteen inches across within three or four years, \$12.50 (wants cool place, no sun when young); and *CLARA McDADE*, pure white, bushy habit, \$6.

FOLIAGE FEATURED

Always Autumn

We offer as plant of this month an unusual shrub with a breath-taking name, *DODONAEA VISCOSA ATROPURPUREA*, which refers in part to the slender, perpetually autumnal, red-bronze leaves with undulating margins which distinguish our subject. One of the most beautiful of the ruddy-leaved category of plants, *Dodonaea*, with its open habit of growth, pyramidal in youth, more pendulous with maturity, serves admirably as a contrast to the dense green foliage of the average garden, as a silhouette or in a thin screen.



Fastest growing of the bronzy shrubs, *Dodonaea* averages six to eight feet but may go as high as 15, is completely cold-hardy, revels in the hot sun, and requires good drainage, as do so many of the plants of its homeland, Australia. Sturdy plants in five gallon containers are priced at \$4.50.

OUR ILLUSTRATOR

In this issue we introduce line drawings by our head landscape architect, Eric Armstrong, whose illustrations, we think, delineate the characteristics of the plants under discussion with greater clarity.

*We don't want to sound risqué
-but it is BARE ROOT time*

Our BARE-ROOT Rose list includes over 60 varieties ranging in price from \$1.25 to \$4.50—bushes, trees, climbers, floribundas, polyanthas, hybrid teas, new and old favorites—each a robust specimen of its type, **GUARANTEED** to do its clan justice! Make your selections now while stocks are high and set them out early to insure a long blooming season this year. Descriptive price list and convenient order form available upon request.